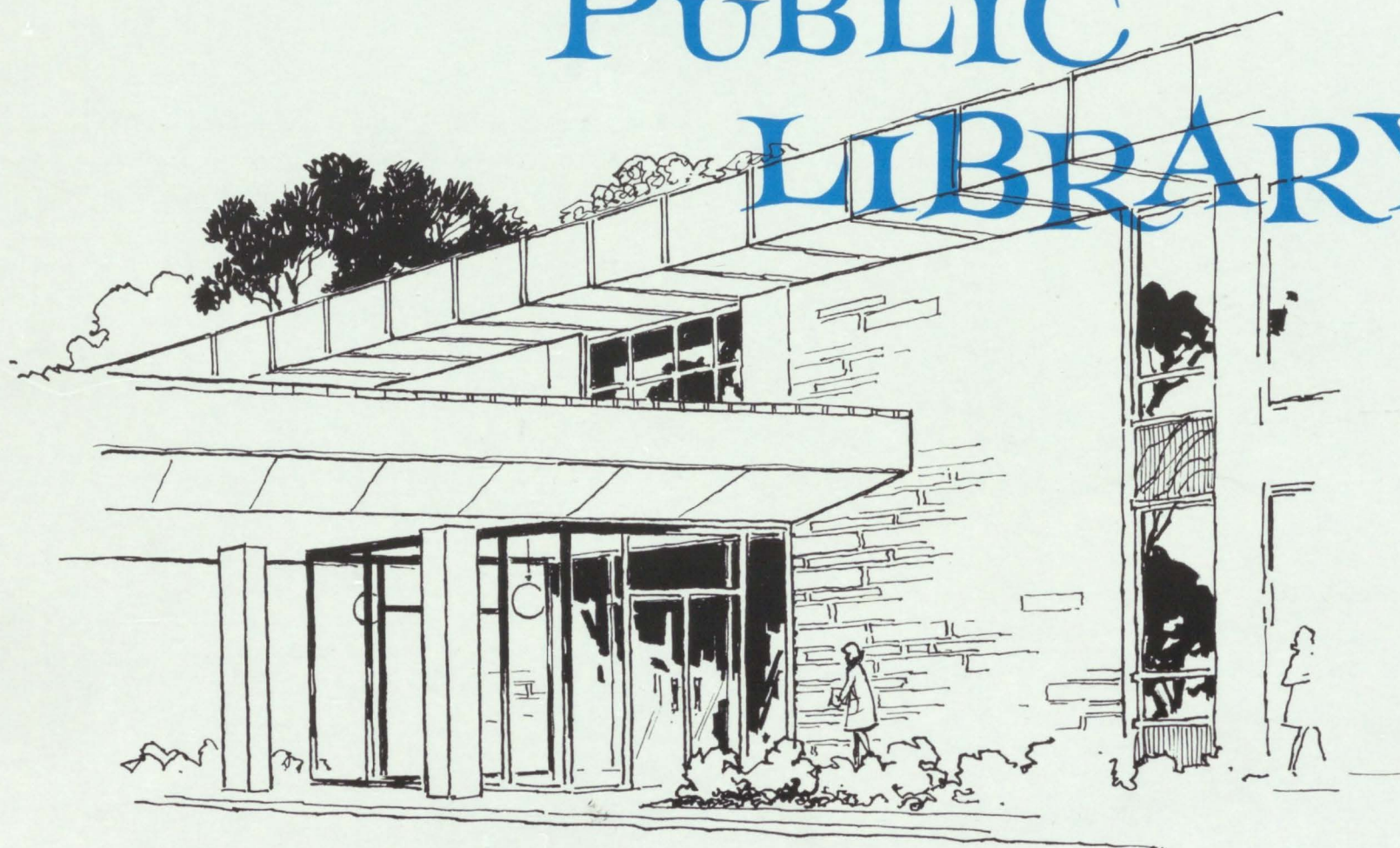


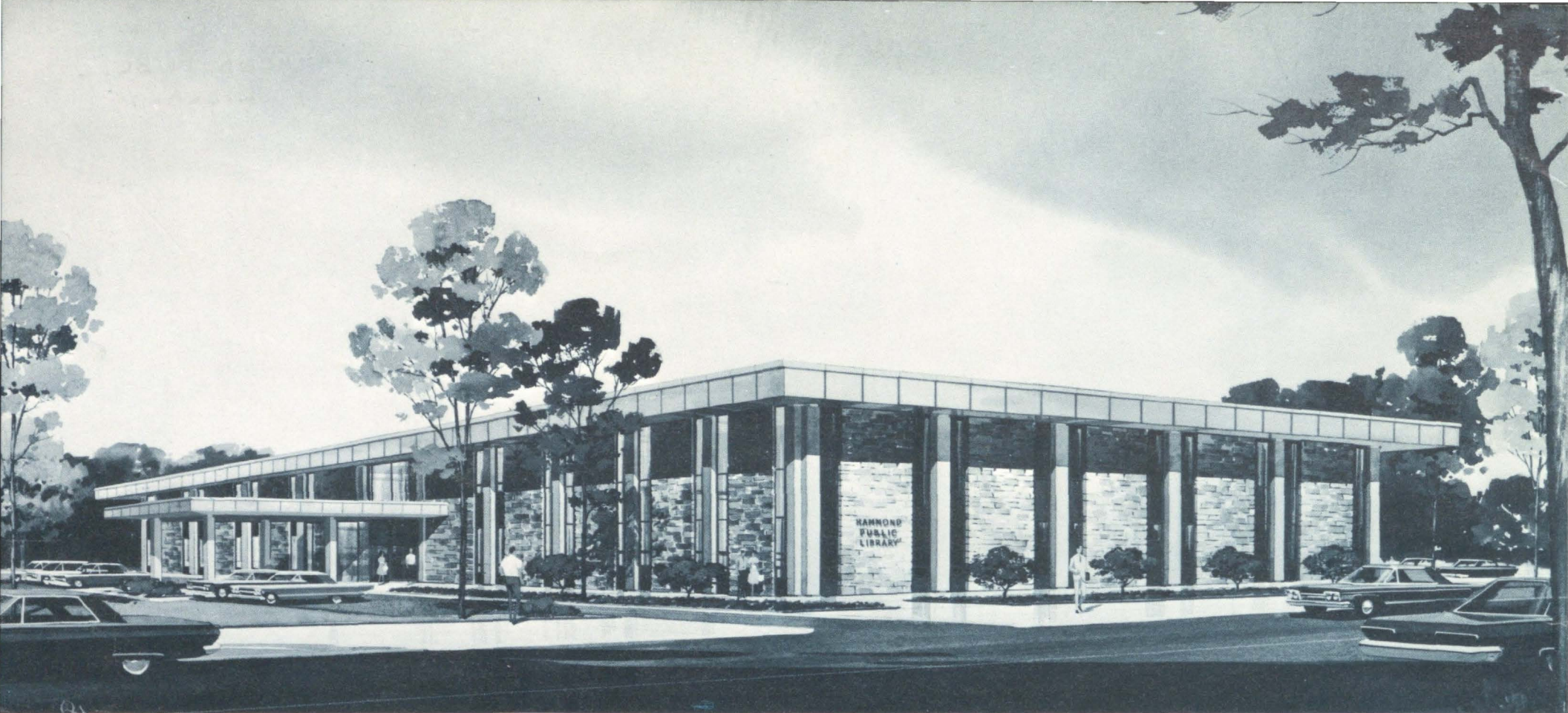
# HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

"DESIGNED TO EXPAND AND ENRICH THE LIVES OF ALL CITIZENS"





## The New Building . . . Unlimited Scope . . . Service To All . . .

*The Hammond Public Library is virtually unlimited in its concept of "service to the community." With the handsome new main building, the library system is able to serve all of the people, of all ages, in many areas of endeavor. . . .*

- To expand the years of education, including pre-school activities and learning.
- To supplement the advantages of the school system

in providing students with a broader selection of material than school libraries afford. • To provide information and material for adults in areas of extended education, recreation, and various job skills. • To make it easier for young mothers to enjoy the neighborhood libraries' convenience and advantages for themselves and their children. • To bring older citizens added dimension to leisure time. • To offer community group discussion and education periods of value to larger groups of citizens with common interests.



## We Believe . . .

A fine public library means much more to a community than an inventory of books. It provides a cultural center open to every citizen — unrestricted to any group, religion or race. It is a storehouse of knowledge; a private world of the individual in communication with his thoughts and the thoughts of others; a living world of ideas, examples and inspiration. A good library also offers many group services . . . film showings, record sessions, discussion periods.

An ideal library is spacious, uncluttered and quiet. It should have aesthetic appeal and be as beautiful as it is functional.

We believe we have achieved this in the new Hammond Public Library with the help of a dedicated Library Board, a fine architect-engineer team, a brilliant color stylist and highly capable contractors.

Thanks to them . . . and above all, thanks to the public who supported our efforts and will in turn benefit most from this new milestone in man's endless search for knowledge.

*Edward B. Hayward*



EDWARD B. HAYWARD  
Chief Librarian

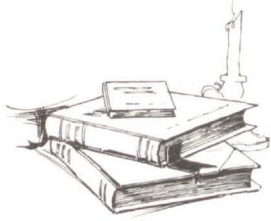
The Chief Librarian is appointed by the Board and serves as the chief administrative officer of the library. Edward B. Hayward was appointed in August, 1954. He holds graduate degrees in Literature from Middlebury College, Vermont and in Library Science from the University of Illinois. He was formerly Assistant Director of the Racine, Wisconsin Public Library. He has served as President of the Hammond Historical Society, Director of the Hammond Kiwanis Club and President of the Indiana Library Association.











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he new HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY is a structure classical in design and contemporary in spirit. Its framework, floor and roof slabs are reinforced concrete. Exterior walls are varigated, rock faced Indiana limestone with a wide facia and exterior columns of smooth faced white limestone. Door and window trim is aluminum anodized a rich bronze color. Parallel panels of bronze glass and black Vermont slate divide the exterior wall sections. Wide porticoes accent the main entrances on the east and west sides of the building.

The main lobby features free-standing stairs set in a spacious open well, surrounded by a gallery and set off by precast concrete panels covered with white, pink and green quartz chips. A massive circulation desk with a precast terazzo top and slate side panels, inset with walnut cabinets is the focal point of the main floor area. Carpet has been used extensively in all public areas to provide quiet and beauty. Ceilings are of suspended acoustical tile. Fluorescent lights provide a uniform illumination of 200 candle power.

Walnut finished catalog cabinets, table tops and shelf panels extend a feeling of beauty and unity to all public areas. The arrangement and color scheme of the occasional furniture establishes a pleasant, friendly atmosphere in the popular reading area. Mirror chrome steel chairs with plastic seats and backs flank the study tables in the reference and student reading areas. The Children's Library features molded plastic chairs, colorful stacking cushion seats in the story hour alcove, and plateau type catalog card cabinets. Inter-locking stacking chairs and walnut-finished folding tables are provided for the public meeting room.

Administrative offices, processing services, Conference room and staff facilities are grouped for function and control on the second floor. The Classroom Libraries Service which supplies books to public and parochial school classes is located near the freight elevator in the basement.

The entire building is air-conditioned with individual temperature and humidity controls providing a proper environment for comfort and for the preservation of library materials.

- New Main Hammond Public Library Building Dedicated October 24, 1967.



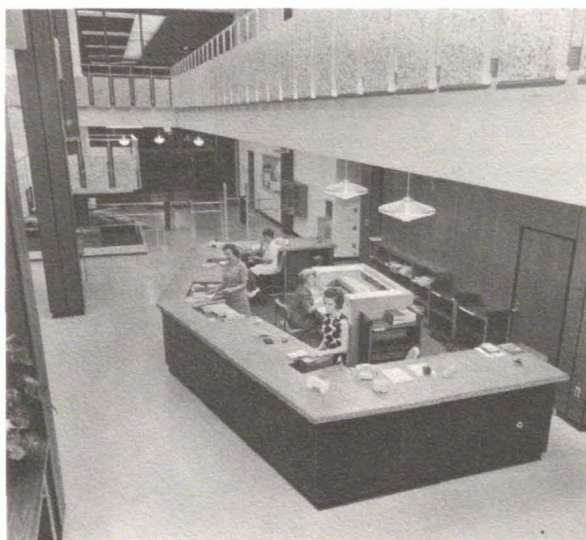
## Adult Services . . .

Much of the second floor area is devoted to space for use by high school and college students for reading and study. Thirty-seven per cent of Hammond's population falls in the 16-21 year age range. Most of these young people attend one of the six high schools or three four year institutions of higher education in the area. Features of the Student Reading Area are individual study carrels, consultation and micro-film rooms, back files of periodicals, vocational materials, encyclopedias and periodical indexes. A card catalog provides an index to the book collections in this area. The entire literature collection of the library is shelved here.

All residents of Hammond are entitled to free borrowing of materials from the Main Library and all neighborhood branches. An electrically controlled rotary file stores the registration cards of the over forty-five thousand citizens who are presently registered to use the library. Attendants quickly record each transaction with the electric charging machines. Books in circulation may be reserved and will be held at the Circulation Desk for three days after notification of the person leaving the reservation. Reservations are filled in the order in which they are received.



Individual Study Carrels in Student Area



Circulation and Registration Desk



Information and Research



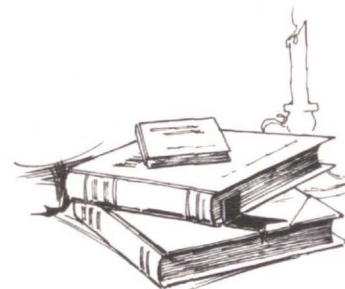
The Popular Library Area provides books of fiction, biography, art and recreation. Film reservations are made here. Musical and other types of disk recordings are available for borrowing here. A librarian is on duty for guidance and consultation. The card catalog between the Popular Library and Reference Areas indexes all adult books held, by subject and by author and title.

The Reference Area houses scientific and technical books, history, religion, general and specialized encyclopedias and directories. The Reference Service answers many phone calls daily from businessmen and other individuals seeking information to be found in reference books.

An extensive file of pamphlets organized according to subject is available here. A teletype hook-up with 26 other libraries throughout Indiana provides quick access to the State Library and libraries at Indiana and Purdue Universities. A copying machine and public typewriters are located in this area.



Browsing and Informal Seating







Story Hour Room. Picture books and stacking cushion seats are a feature of the children's story hour alcove.



## Children's Services . . .

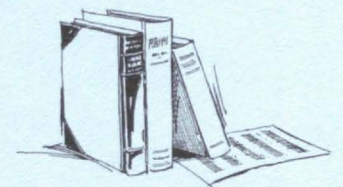
A spacious carpeted room with entrances directly from the street and from the adult area is designed to introduce children to the world of books. Here they will find a rich variety of materials and friendly, encouraging staff members to help them and their parents select books. Children's records and magazines are also loaned here and a collection of reference books selected to introduce children to the use of such materials is provided. There is a small office for private consultation with parents or teachers.



Children's Circulation Desk. Children's Library has separate street entrance and circulation desk.

The story alcove can be enclosed with folding doors. Colorful cushion stools can be taken apart to provide floor cushions for forty little listeners at story hours. This room adjoins and can be used in conjunction with the large meeting room.

On the south wall of this room is a reproduction of an early American tapestry, inspiration for the children's classic, *The Blue Cat of Castleton*. This is a memorial to Herbert L. Wilhelm and was a gift of the Hammond Kiwanis Club.







Above Left: Sawyer Branch Library, 649 Mulberry Street.

Above Right: Hansen Branch Library, 2823 Martha Street.

Left: Rupp Branch Library, 847 - 117th Street.

Right: Howard Branch Library, 7047 Grand Avenue.

Inset picture, left: Ralph G. Rupp, President, Board of Trustees, 1929-1954.

Inset picture, right: James A. Howard, Chief Librarian, 1929-1954.



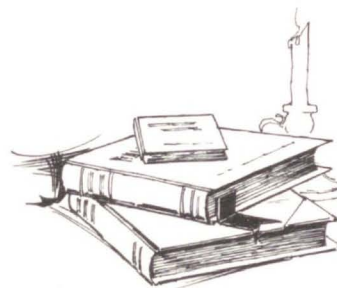
# Neighborhood Libraries . . .

The steady growth of the residential areas of Hammond was accompanied by the establishment of neighborhood libraries as branches of the Hammond Public Library system. The first branch was opened in 1911 in Robertsdale and in 1931 when the present building was constructed, it was named the Rupp Branch Library in honor of Ralph G. Rupp, a member and officer of the Library Board from March, 1919 to November, 1954.

A first branch building owned by the library was constructed in 1923 and was named in honor of John V. Keeler, President of the Board and a resident of that neighborhood.

In 1931, in addition to the Rupp Branch, the Hansen Branch, named in honor of Hammond's first Chief Librarian, and the Jeanie L. Sawyer Branch were built.

In 1967 the Hammond Public Library system comprised a Main Library, seven neighborhood libraries located in quarters owned or rented by the Library Board, four libraries in public school buildings, and numerous book collections in schools, industrial plants, fire stations and hospitals.



## Locations:

### MAIN LIBRARY

564 State Street  
WE 1-5100\*

### BROOKS HOUSE BRANCH

1047 Conkey Street

### HANSEN BRANCH

2823 Martha Street

### HARRISON PARK BRANCH

436 Conkey Street

### HOWARD BRANCH

7047 Grand Avenue

### JEFFERSON BRANCH

6940 Northcote Avenue

### KEELER BRANCH

4807 Oak Avenue

### LINCOLN BRANCH

4221 Towle Avenue

### RILEY BRANCH

1245 River Drive

### RUPP BRANCH

847 - 117th Street

### SAWYER BRANCH

649 Mulberry Street

### WILSON BRANCH

1317 - 173rd Street

\*This number is for Main Library  
and all Branches.

## Serving You.



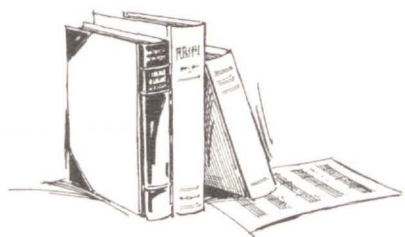


Hammond Library Board of Trustees, l. to r.: Mr. M. Herbert Thorsen, Member; Mrs. Orville H. Umbaugh, Member; Mr. John F. Wilhelm, Vice President; Mrs. Henry W. Eggers, President; Mr. Edward B. Hayward, Chief Librarian; Mrs. Michael G. Benne, Member; Dr. John J. Wadas, Secretary. Not shown: Mrs. Lester F. Murphy, Member.

## *The Library Board . . .*

The seven member library board is the policy making body governing the library. Board members are appointed, two by the City Council, two by the School Board and three by the Judge of the Circuit Court. They serve four year terms without remuneration.





Library Board Committee planning Dedication I. to r. Mrs. Orville H. Umbaugh, Mr. M. Herbert Thorsen, Mrs. Lester F. Murphy, Mr. John F. Wilhelm.





## The Original Main Hammond Library Building

(1904 – 1967)

The Hammond Public Library was established in 1902 as a result of the efforts of a study group known as the Shakespeare Club, and had its first quarters in Bloomhoff's Millinery Parlor not far from the site of the new Main Library. The building pictured here was financed with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation and served as the central library of an expanding system of neighborhood libraries from 1905 to 1967.

In 1964 a bond issue of \$1,800,000 was raised to finance the construction of a new Main Library as well as a neighborhood library for the growing southeastern section of Hammond. Construction of the Main Library began in February of 1966 and the building opened to the public on September 5, 1967.









## *Community Services . . .*

Pictured at left, a GALLERY surrounds the central lobby well. This is designed for the display of works of art and other exhibits of community and regional interest.

A large MEETING ROOM (pictured at right) for public multi-purpose use will enable the library to bring together the resources of the library and group activities of a cultural and civic nature. Included in these facilities are kitchenette equipment, folding tables and stacking chairs, a projector and screen, and a speaker's platform and lectern equipped with a microphone. The room will seat more than 200 people and can be divided by means of a folding partition for smaller group meetings.







## **T**he Calumet Room . . .

An attractively furnished conference room on the second floor will provide space for Library Board meetings, for small staff and community meetings, and for the library's collection of local history materials. In time it is hoped that this part of the library's holdings can be developed in depth to provide a definitive collection of books, pictures, slides, tapes, and maps of the Calumet Region.





Acquisitions and Cataloging Division with large second floor offices.  
This department provides book ordering, processing and repairs.



## Acknowledgements

### Architects & Engineers

Besozzi-Carpenter & Ignelzi

### Interior Designer, Color Consultant

Jane Miles

### Contractors

Superior Construction Company

Hyre Electric Company

T. F. Hanley Corporation

VanGorp-Dedlow Company

### Wood and Steel Shelving

Deluxe Metal Company

Weinberg Corporation

Estey Corporation

### Library Furniture and Equipment

Herman Miller, Inc.

Weinberg Corporation

Myrtle Desk Company

### Office Furniture and Equipment

Herman Miller, Inc.

General Fire Proofing Company

Royal Metal Company

Steelcase, Inc.

## Building Data

### Cost:

Total estimated final cost — \$1,800,000 (including all furnishings, equipment, fees, expenses, etc.)

### Size:

Building — 100' x 200'. Total gross area — 58,400 sq. ft. Lot — 225' (State Street), 355.5' (Sibley Street), 230' (Max. Depth)

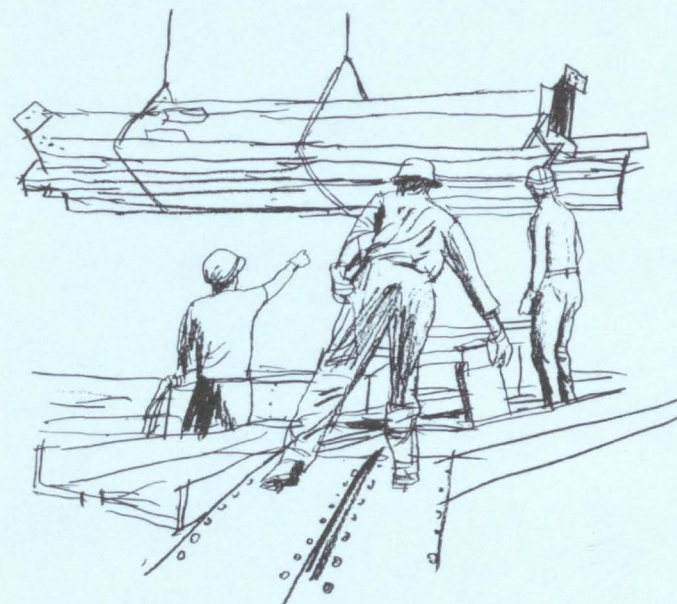
### Capacity:

Seating: Adult Area — 100, Student Area — 75, Children's Area — 85, Meeting Rooms — 225.

Shelving: Adult and Student Areas — 80,000 volumes, Children's Area — 20,000 volumes, Classroom Library Area — 60,000 volumes, Basement Stacks — 100,000 volumes.

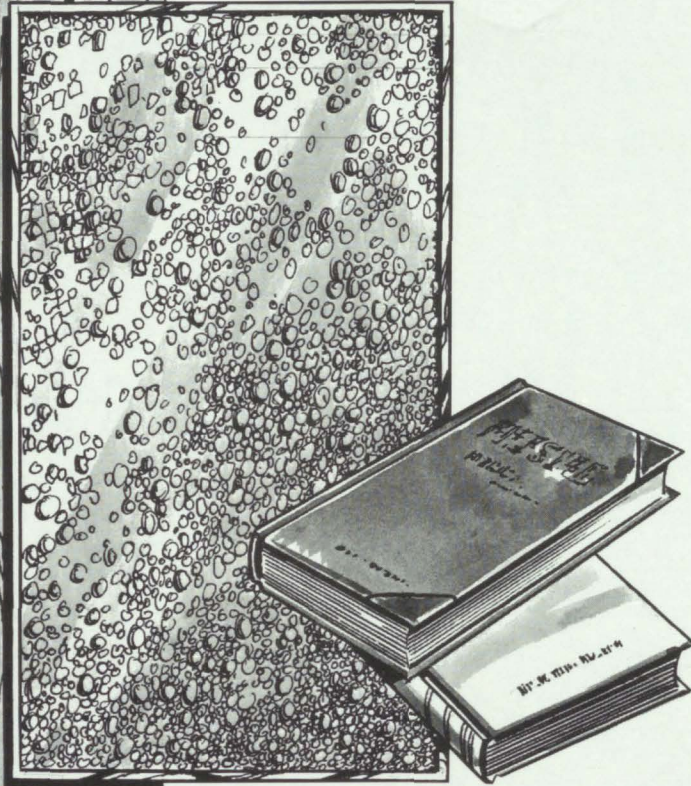
### Future:

Basement can be equipped with stacks for an additional 140,000 volumes. Footings, structural support and all mechanical needs have been planned for the possibility of an additional floor (25,000 sq. ft.) at some later date.





# BOOKS...



The world of books — is the most remarkable  
creation of man — nothing else that he  
builds ever lasts — monuments fall — nations  
perish — civilizations grow old and die  
out — after an era of darkness new races  
build others — but in the world of books  
are volumes that live on — still as young  
and fresh as the day they were written — still  
telling men's hearts of the hearts of men  
centuries dead.

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